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United Way to 'Tap in' to transit riders' generosity



**David P.
Ball**
Metro | Vancouver

You could say it's not a "tap out" but a "tap up." Transit riders are by now familiar with using their TransLink Compass cards to tap in and out of the system, but now they can also help offer low-income families a generous "tap up," too.

That's thanks to a partnership announced Thursday between the transit agency and the United Way of the Lower Mainland, which lets out-of-town visitors and anyone wanting to help donate old Compass cards to benefit the less fortunate.

"Some of the region's most vulnerable populations are reliant on both United Way funded programs and services — and on TransLink," said the transit provider's chief financial officer, Cathy McLay, in a statement.

The new initiative is inviting transit users who can afford it — or who may not need their Compass card any more if they're leaving town — to drop them off in special collection kiosks in downtown SkyTrain stations. The cards' unused value will then be donated to needy families in United Way programs. "This program will remove one more barrier for people in need," explained UWLM CEO Michael McKnight in a statement.

The kiosks will be located on the Expo Line at Granville Station's Dunsmuir Street exit and Stadium-Chinatown station; and on the Canada Line at Waterfront, City Centre and Broadway-City Hall stations.

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Advocates aiming to legalize tiny houses in Vancouver

PROPERTY

Small abodes can be solution to ever-rising housing costs



Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Imagine owning a 250-square-foot house, fitted with a compost toilet and a loft bed for a one-time payment of \$10,000. It may not be for everybody, but one advocacy group wants the City of Vancouver to make it legal for those looking for an affordable place to call their own.

People started building tiny houses in B.C. several years ago, but tiny-house owners — there are at least a handful in Vancouver — haven't been able to convince the city to allow its residents to live in them.

Samantha Gambling, co-founder of the BC Tiny House Collective, was buying paint to put the finishing touches on her 320-square-foot house when Metro spoke with her Thursday.

"It's just a matter of normalizing (tiny houses) and having conversations with policymakers to make those changes happen so that it can be a viable housing stock."

Gambling says one possibility is to let landowners divide



Anastasia Koutalios, left, and Samantha Gambling stand inside a tiny house currently located in North Vancouver on Feb. 16, 2017. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

up residential plots, making it possible for people to buy a small plot of land for their tiny houses. It would also allow people to buy and sell standalone lane-way houses. Many tiny houses, which often look like shrunk-down versions of a single-family house, are built with wheels on the bottom. This qualifies them as trailers or RVs, allowing tiny-house residents to live in them in trailer parks.

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But Vancouver bylaws don't allow people to live in their vehicles, forcing tiny-house residents in the city to move their homes every few weeks to hide

from city staff.

"It's a stressful way to live because you put so much into the house that you're living in and we sincerely want it to be

a regulated," said Gambling, who holds a masters in land and food systems from UBC. "I would happily contribute to property taxes."

She admits the diminutive dwellings are not for everyone — BC Tiny House Collective co-founder Anastasia Koutalios told Metro she does not have any immediate plans to live in one, for example.

But adding tiny houses to the

range of housing options for Vancouverites would diversify the city's housing stock at a time when most first-time homebuyers are only able to afford condos.

"Tiny houses are not going to solve all the systemic problems that exist in our society," said Gambling. "But it will fit alongside single-family dwellings and high rises and microsuites and the whole spectrum."

The pair say they are in preliminary talks with the City of Vancouver about a proposal to set up Gambling's tiny house on an empty plot of land destined for development. Gambling plans to both live in and work from the unit, hosting engagement workshops and a community garden on the site.

A city spokesperson could not confirm whether staff had received the proposal but said current zoning bylaws regulate the minimum size of a dwelling unit to 398 square feet.

The city does allow 250-square-foot microsuites under the recently approved Downtown Eastside plan.

Gambling and Koutalios say they are optimistic about the future of tiny houses in Vancouver.

"We're really excited. We want to partner with cities," said Koutalios.

People can learn more about the tiny-house initiative at a BC Tiny House Collective volunteer meeting at CityStudio at 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 20.



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Vancouver unveils its first modular housing building

HOUSING

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Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Expect to see more modular housing buildings popping up around Vancouver as the city is enamoured of this quick, but temporary, fix to housing woes.

While the first project, a three-storey building at Main and Terminal, is intended to house low-income people at the shelter rent rate of \$375, the city has also been fielding queries from several large employers who have trouble finding affordable housing for their workers.

"We're hearing from more organizations in town that are having challenges finding housing for their employees," said Vancouver city manager Sadhu Johnston, at a public event to officially open the 40-unit modular building at the corner of Main Street and Terminal Avenue.

In 2014, the city moved people who had been living in a tent city at Oppenheimer Park to the vacant Quality Inn at Howe and Drake. The city's lease is now about to run out as



Jean-Yves Duclos, minister of families, children and social development, and Mayor Gregor Robertson at the opening of Vancouver's first modular housing development.

JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO



The idea with this project is that we are able to take from other city-run SROs.

Sadhu Johnston, Vancouver city manager

the property owner prepares to develop the site, so the plan is to move Quality Inn residents to

a city-owned single-room occupancy (SRO) hotel on Alexander Street, and those SRO residents

to Main and Terminal.

"The idea with this project is that we're able to take from other city-run SROs, folks that are stable and that we feel confident are capable of coming into a nicer facility," Johnston said.

The Main and Terminal site is city-owned land that will be

part of the False Creek Flats plan, to be finalized this spring. The site, which is worth \$35 million, will eventually be re-developed into housing; the modular building will be in place for at least three years.

The city's Vancouver Affordable Housing Agency (VAHA) has 1,000 permanent housing units under development, and the hope is that the modular building residents will eventually be permanently housed.

While the city had initially planned to spend \$3.5 million to build the modular building and \$220,000 to subsidize rents, other partners have now stepped up to cover some costs. Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation will provide \$1.5 million through its new innovation fund, Vancity credit union will provide a grant of \$100,000, and the estate of Jimmy Chow has donated \$1 million.

The city will spend \$500,000 on capital costs and \$60,000 annually to operate the modular building.

While the city is keen to push ahead, it has had to slow down after residents pushed back against plans to build modular on several other sites.

"What we heard from the communities was that they needed more information," Johnston said.

The city is currently doing consultation work with residents of those neighbourhoods and staff will report back to council this spring.

CITY

More funding toward mental health



David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

After approving a \$220,000 injection of cash last week to stem the fentanyl crisis that's killing hundreds on Vancouver's streets, the city could be poised to boost its mental health budget by double that amount again.

The additional \$450,000 funding has been pitched by Mayor Gregor Robertson, and if approved by city council would be paired with a slightly higher amount from partners.

"The fentanyl opioid crisis is intensifying Vancouver's mental health crisis," Robertson said in a press release, "leaving our most vulnerable with untreated mental illness and addictions urgently needing care, treatment and support."

The city said the proposal came in response to the recommendations from the Mayor's Task Force on Mental Health and Addictions — including "community-based response and prevention."

The funding proposed would come from the city's innovation and fentanyl budget, but Robertson cautioned that it was just one part of the needed response to an unprecedented overdose crisis.



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Event gathers workers to support push for more help



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Rae-Lynn Dicks vividly remembers one of her emergency calls when she worked as a 911 dispatcher.

The call was from an embarrassed-sounding man who said his wife was trying to harm him and his children were in danger; Dicks listened empathetically and searched his address.

But what appeared on her screen was chilling: a separate 911 call from a neighbour had already dispatched police. It was tagged "homicide."

"My blood ran absolutely cold," she recalled. "The kids were on the front lawn calling for help. Someone had smashed their mom's head in with a two-by-four. That someone was the



Two RCMP officers speak at the scene where four men were shot in Richmond on Jan. 16, 2013.

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man I was talking on the phone with, but he didn't know that I knew."

Like countless emergencies, she had only her voice to rely on to potentially save lives, take control of a risky situation, and protect officers responding on-scene. She kept him talking, unaware that he was being sur-

rounded by officers.

It's just one of many horrifying events that, until recent years, was not considered traumatic to emergency responders like Dicks because her life was not immediately in danger.

Nonetheless that call and many others, cumulatively, haunted her during her years

as a dispatcher — and she became one of hundreds of British Columbia's emergency service workers who live with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), one of a number of what are known as "operational stress injuries."

"I was diagnosed in 2002, and my career ended in 2004," she

said, "because I was no longer able to function."

"I couldn't get up to go to work on a regular basis or provide myself self-care. I was heavily medicated at that point in time and spent two years contemplating suicide. I can honestly say I'm alive today because my cat was hungry."

But today Dicks' life is very different. She found healing through a peer-support mental health program, completed two degrees, and now volunteers to support other traumatized 911 dispatchers across the country through the organization Badge of Life Canada.

This month, she is part of a group at Kwantlen Polytechnic University organizing a conference bringing together other emergency responders from across the province — fire, police, paramedics, corrections officers and dispatchers — for a two-day conference on mental health.

"Most first responders, we

are a very resilient bunch," she explained. "But in B.C. a lot of us are struggling with what's available, what needs to happen, and how can we effect change."

The conference, Connections in First Responder Mental Health, is being held through Kwantlen's criminology department on Feb. 23-24 and proceeds will go to Badge of Life.

"Members of the public only ever call us when something is going horribly wrong in their own world," she said, "but many are unaware of how frequently that happens in our community, and how often our first responders are exposed to those traumatic incidents."

"We all need to take care of ourselves and each other, to be educated about the early warning signs and symptoms, and to support each other unconditionally ... That's part of why we want to put on this conference — because PTSD or any operational stress injury is not the end of your life."

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B.C. probing 'unusual' PharmaNet activity

HEALTH MINISTRY

System breach could mean personal info was accessed

Premier Christy Clark is promising a thorough investigation into four incidents that the B.C. government describes as "unusual" activity in its PharmaNet system, in which unknown people are believed to have accessed personal information.

The Health Ministry says

about 7,500 people have had their basic profiles viewed while another 80 or so people have had their recent medication history viewed.

Clark says she is "profoundly disturbed" by the incidents.

The PharmaNet system links all B.C. pharmacies to a central set of data systems and logs every prescription dispensed in the province.

It also maintains basic profiles that include names, addresses, dates of birth, personal health numbers and medication histories.

The ministry says it has started sending letters to notify all patients and doctors

7,500

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affected by the breach and is working with the affected physicians and PharmaNet system vendors to upgrade security measures.

The ministry says it first became aware of the issue

last fall and has launched an investigation that involves the Corporate Information and Records Management Office of the Ministry of Finance.

The Information and Privacy Commissioner has also been notified.

An independent security review of PharmaNet separate from the investigation is also underway and is scheduled for completion in July.

Clark said Thursday the government will keep those who have been affected apprised of the investigation.

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Solar farm shining after first full year of operation

KIMBERLEY

City looking for purchaser to expand project: Mayor

A former lead and zinc mine in southeastern British Columbia has generated a small profit in its first full year of operation as a solar farm.

A report by city staff in Kimberley shows the community-owned SunMine project returned just over \$12,600 in net profit on total annual revenues of just under \$180,000 in 2016.

The \$5.3-million project began commercial operation in mid-2015.

The city says SunMine is the first to gather and sell solar power to the BC Hydro grid.

Mayor Don McCormick says Kimberley is looking for a purchaser who will expand what the city says is B.C.'s largest solar project and Canada's largest solar tracking facility.

He says smoky conditions and other problems cut into electricity production late last summer but that has not dampened interest from potential buyers who have offered unique ideas about the expansion of SunMine.

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"This past year really wasn't a great sunshine year," he said. "We had smoke in August. There have been a whole number of issues with the amount of sunshine that we have been getting, and despite that we came in at

just under 95 per cent of what our projections are going to be."

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The City of Kimberley is home to Western Canada's largest solar power plant on former industrial lands for the Sullivan Mine. CONTRIBUTED

GREEN INITIATIVES

Reducing the city's carbon footprint



Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

Three very different Vancouver neighbourhoods are participating in a green-city initiative that will push them to reduce their carbon footprints by 15 per cent by the end of 2017.

Single-family households in Dunbar-Southlands will join the culturally diverse residents in Kensington-Cedar Cottage as well as people in the rapidly developing South Cambie area, for the Green Bloc project.

It's the next step in a program piloted in Riley Park last year.

Project co-ordinator Robyn Chan with the charity Evergreen told Metro in January the neighbourhoods would be picked with housing diversity in mind.

"The first neighbourhood we worked with were all single-family home owners," she said. "We're looking to spread out and looking to see different kinds of neighbourhoods we can impact."

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Striptease activism at Talking Stick

INDIGENOUS STORIES

Burlesque at festival aims to reclaim sexuality



Cara McKenna
For Metro

A politically charged Indigenous burlesque troupe will soon make its debut in Vancouver, as the 16th annual Talking Stick Festival begins in venues around the city.

It's the first time that the diverse Indigenous performance and arts festival has featured the art of striptease — but one of its founding members says it's about much more than just entertainment.

Ruth Ordare says when Virago Nation started out last year, they wanted to break harmful stereotypes and reclaim their

sexuality as Indigenous women.

The group consists of six members, with diverse aboriginal backgrounds and stage names like "Sparkle Plenty" and "Manda Stroyer."

"(There are) few representations of aboriginal women's sexuality and they're very limiting," said Ordare, who is Mohawk.

"We wanted to show the funny side, the political side, the seductive side and let women own what they want to be."

She said Indigenous women are often harmfully viewed in extremes: either hyper-sexualized or seen as not sexual beings at all. As a result of damaging stereotypes, it's a community that has suffered disproportionately from sexual violence.

"There's been a lot of trauma in our community," Ordare said.

"For women to have that own reconciliation with their own bodies is really important."



Members of Virago Nation burlesque troupe will reveal their first group act called "Rezurrecting the Goddesses" on Tuesday. CONTRIBUTED

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Virago Nation will reveal its first group act called "Rezurrecting the Goddesses" on

Tuesday. The festival is also hosting two public pay-what-you-can burlesque workshops on Sunday.

Deneh'Cho Thompson, one of Talking Stick's organizers, said he is excited as the 10-day festival's performances



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Ruth Ordare

kick off — it will consist of everything from a powwow to theatre, dance, art, film and an industry series.

In keeping with the cabaret theme, there will also be an Indigenous drag performance tonight centring on two-spirit resilience.

"Over the past three years the festival has been in the process of evolving into a much larger event," Thompson said.

"Viewership is definitely up." The festival runs to Feb. 26 and the full schedule can be found at fullcircle.ca/talking-stick/events. Most of the programming is pay-what-you-can.



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Saunas are so very hot right now



A mobile sauna sits in the parking lot of a ski hill to the delight of skiers.

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Choose from budget steam rooms to high-end spas



Amy Logan
For Metro | Vancouver

A clutch of East Van hipsters lounges in a private steam room, soaking up the retro esthetic. An immaculately groomed woman relaxes on velvet cushions in a traditional Hammam. A cluster of friends jump into the frigid waters off Spanish Banks, then duck into a mobile sauna parked ocean's edge to warm up.

From budget steam rooms to high-end spas, sauna culture has never been hotter in Vancouver.

Hastings Steam and Sauna is a somewhat minimalist version of a sauna but also one of the richest in terms of history. Established in 1926 by J.P. Wepsela, a Finnish immigrant, the East Van location has witnessed an ever-changing demographic. The sauna retains a traditional feel, popular with

all walks of life.

Local spa aficionado Jo Day, whose Finnish-Canadian grandmother was actually born in a sauna outside of Lappe, Ont., noted that the Hastings sauna is "cool to go to with a group of friends." Day has sampled saunas throughout the world, including a traditional jimjilbang in Korea that was so hot, she only lasted two minutes. Luckily, it also boasted "a room made completely of ice to cool down in."

Day's favourite sauna experience near Vancouver is Scandinave, a 25,000-square-foot outdoor spa, just outside Whistler, surrounded by forests where she once "spent eight hours." For Day, saunas impart a sense of "relaxation and rejuvenation."

Other luxurious local saunas include Miraj Hammam Spa, which offers traditional Middle Eastern steam and exfoliation treatments in an opulent setting, and Art of Sauna, with nine different thermal spa rooms, from an Egyptian Rasul to a Russian Banya.

Perhaps the most fascinating West Coast sauna trend is the mobile sauna, a van, truck or bus with a fully functioning sauna tucked inside. Adrian Sinclair, who co-founded the special events production company Transformation Projects with Andrea Curtis, rents out various mobile saunas, curating nomad-



This is the best time of year for a sauna.

Adrian Sinclair

ic sweats and sauna events. He works in partnership with BC Mobile Sauna Society, founded by Karlis Kalnins, who created the first B.C. sauna truck in 2001, and has since built numerous sauna-equipped vehicles.

Sinclair noted he "loves the health benefits, social connection, physical release and stress relief" a good sweat offers. "At the end you feel much better. Plus it's fun and there's something mischievous about setting up in an unlikely place," he said. Unusual venues have included "the middle of the woods by a rushing glacial river, Spanish Banks in the winter."

People rent the sauna bus, which fits up to 20, for events ranging from polar bear swims and birthday parties to festivals and team-building events. It's fully camperized with a kitchen and even a sound system.

Saunas build a sense of community and well-being where "you don't have to consume things," said Sinclair. It's "more of a spiritual project." And, noted Sinclair, "this is the best time of year for a sauna."

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**Graeme
McRanor**
For Metro

Some people find God; I found the mountains.

More accurately, I rediscovered them.

A few years ago, as a way to curb weekend alcohol consumption, I started hiking on Sundays.

For a long time, Saturday had been "go out" night, since I didn't have my son after 5 p.m. The logic was that early rises on a Sunday foreclosed on plans for the night before: who wants to hike with a hangover?

That might seem silly to some but, as an all-or-nothing type personality, with some exceptions, it's worked for me.

And I really got into hiking. Surprising, because there was a time when mountains were just a backdrop for good skiing. And, in those days, I did a lot of it.

But climbing one had never occurred to me.

No matter. By my late-20s, I was mostly summing bar stools.

These days I'm back skiing occasionally but, with kids, doing so regularly is cost-pro-



Graeme and his son, London, check out the view from the barrier in Garibaldi Provincial Park. GRAEME MCRANOR/FOR METRO

hibitive. Hiking, on the other hand, is free.

Better exercise, too. And it pairs with photography, another hobby.

Now, of course, with a seven-week-old baby at home, going out Saturday night is in the realm of memory; even finding time to hike is challenging.

Still, we're busy plotting our summer, which is when I'll get my eight-year-old son London back on the trails. Took him a while but he loves backcountry camping — even if he's not always keen on hiking a hill to get there.

But he does it, usually with little complaint.

When he does grouse, I use the mountain as metaphor, a marathon not a sprint. We don't rush it. We enjoy the journey, aware that we'll eventually get to a place with a spectacular view. And then revel in our accomplishment. We did it.

We all need encouragement. But don't take my word for it.

Here's a quote, attributed rightly or not to that old Beat pathfinder Jack Kerouac (don't know for sure who said it, but I like the conceit): "Because in the end, you won't remember the time you spent working in the office or mowing your lawn. Climb that goddamn mountain."

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Taro Phyllo from Yama in Hastings-Sunrise. ABBY WISEMAN/FOR METRO

YAMA CHARMS EAST VILLAGE



Abby Wiseman
For Metro

I was thoroughly disappointed when I discovered that Basho in Hastings-Sunrise was shutting down.

It was one of those cute little cafés that I intended to visit but hadn't had the chance. Fortunately, this isn't the all too common story of a beloved shop shutting down due to an increase in rent.

A little note stuck to door said the owner was retiring, but not to worry, it was being taken over and they had good faith that the food was going to be just as excellent.

Yamamura Mitshuhiro worked at Basho (2007 E. Hastings St.) and took over the space, keeping its charm and its menu,

but with slightly altered recipes and a new name, Yama.

I tried the Tuna Tataki (\$13.95) with eight-grain rice and made it a combo – soup, sweets, goma, pickled vegetables and seaweed – for an extra \$4.50. The tuna was lightly seared and sliced, served on a salad bed and rice. The meal was both light and comforting, with the clean flavours of the tuna balanced with spicy daikon and a mandarin ginger drizzle that was just a little sweet. Nothing overpowered the fish or the rice, which made it a really fresh dish that focused on textures.

The cream of vegetable soup was smooth and luxurious, served with a sprinkle of dill on top.

It was complemented nicely with the sour flavour of the pickles, and astringent taste of the seaweed. The combo was definitely worth the extra money.

I sample quite a few sweets, starting with the Taro Phyllo, which was a sweet taro paste wrapped in phyllo pastry and

baked. The crisp phyllo juxtaposed the smooth taro and calmed down the sweetness. I also tried the Macha Mofin and the Chocolate Mofin, which were tiny muffins made with mochi – a sort of glutinous rice.

The chocolate one was my favourite – as usual – and I really enjoyed the unusual gummy texture of the mochi. I rounded off the sweets with the salt and sesame cookie, with black sesame. The combination of the sesame and salt will certainly get you salivating.

Yama is a cozy spot for a long lunch with a good friend or loved one. The space itself is very sweet with a handicraft feel thanks to the quilted garlands draped across the room and dark reclaimed wood. The food is light and fresh but substantial. It's not going to blow out your taste buds with spice and salt, but like the space, Yama's food has a subtle charm that will make you slow down and appreciate every ingredient.

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Greens again push for ridesharing in B.C.

TRANSPORT

MLA Weaver wants laws in place for Uber and others



Jen St. Denis
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B.C.'s sole Green Party MLA plans to introduce legislation to en-

able ridesharing services such as Uber to operate in B.C. It's the second time Andrew Weaver has tried to advance the issue in the legislature.

"The province of British Columbia still does not have ride-share legislation and we all know why," Weaver said. "It's all about both the government and official Opposition in fear of taxi industry lobbyists." Transportation Minister Todd Stone has said it's "only a matter of time" before

ridesharing comes to B.C. The government conducted public consultation last fall and Peter Fassbender, minister of community and sport, previously told Metro that the government will probably have a better idea of what ridesharing regulations would look like by the end of this year. "Then we would have to look at the legislative calendar if we're going to make changes."

The spring sitting of the legislature began this week, but Fass-

bender is now saying the BC Liberals will take a position on the issue before the upcoming provincial election in May.

"We will continue to do the work that needs to be done to look at a possible Made-in-B.C. solution, taking into account the interests of all stakeholders, the need to protect passenger safety, and address the public's desire for more choice and competition," according to a statement sent to Metro from ministry staffers.



B.C. Green MLA Andrew Weaver plans to introduce legislation to enable ridesharing to operate in the province. GETTY IMAGES



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MISSING PERSONS

Watchdog slams RCMP for shoddy reporting

An independent watchdog has uncovered poor reporting by RCMP officers in northern British Columbia that makes it impossible to tell whether many missing-persons cases were properly investigated.

The Civilian Review and Complaints Commission for the RCMP also found serious record-keeping gaps, policy weaknesses or compliance issues related to police investigations of public intoxication, personal searches and use of force.

The commission's consultations in almost two dozen communities in the region — where aboriginal people account for 17.5 per cent of the population — showed that many believe "the RCMP is biased against indigenous people." However, the watchdog was "unable to substantiate" the assertion through its policy and file review.

Overall, the commission found no basis to conclude there were "broad, systemic problems" with RCMP actions in northern B.C.

However, it makes 31 recommendations aimed at improving transparency and accountability through better reporting, policies, supervisory review and training. "What we do know for certain is that RCMP policing in indigenous communities can be improved," complaints commission chairman Ian McPhail said in an interview.

"The RCMP is working to improve it. We'll want to see the implementation of these changes."

In a reply to McPhail's report, RCMP commissioner Bob Paulson supported, or generally supported, all but one of the recommendations. The police

force has already made strides on a number of them.

The complaints commission initiated the investigation in May 2013 in response to concerns about policing in northern B.C. raised by individuals and various human rights and civil liberties groups, as well as a provincial inquiry into missing women.

The commission's long-awaited report is likely to renew discussion of whether the RCMP is doing enough to prevent and investigate cases of missing and murdered indigenous women. The long-festering issue of indigenous women and girls who disappear — and often end up

killed — is now the subject of a federal inquiry.

First Nations and human rights groups said Thursday the report confirms RCMP failings in northern B.C., but they expressed disappointment the commission did not squarely address discrimination and racism.

"The recommendations in this report, while they may help to improve some police practices, will not fix the massive problem of systemic racism that our people experience daily and have had to endure ever since the RCMP started policing our lands and peoples," said Grand Chief Stewart Philip of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs.

In reviewing occurrence reports from northern B.C. for 2008 to 2012, the RCMP watchdog found more than 46 per cent of the records failed to show that Mounties had investigated missing-persons cases promptly and thoroughly, contrary to force policy.

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What we do know for certain is that RCMP policing in indigenous communities can be improved. The RCMP is working to improve it.

Ian McPhail

Emerson on lumber deal

ECONOMY

B.C. taps former fed cabinet minister as trade envoy

When it comes to negotiating a softwood lumber agreement, British Columbia Premier Christy Clark says she prefers an unpredictable American administration, rather than the previous disinterested U.S. government.

Clark said she feels more confident about Canada's chances of reaching a softwood lumber trade deal after her cabinet was briefed Thursday by Canada's ambassador to the U.S., David MacNaughton, and David Emerson, B.C.'s recently appointed trade envoy on the softwood file.

She said Barack Obama's administration was focused on reaching the Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement and barely responded to Canadian attempts to talk about the softwood deal, which expired in 2015.

"They just simply weren't interested," Clark said at a news conference after the cabinet meeting. "So, unpredictable change can sometimes be good if it means we have an administration that, for the first time in a long time in the U.S., is interested in getting this agreement resolved."

MacNaughton said recent behind-the-scenes talks and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's visit to Washington to meet U.S. President Donald Trump have managed to raise

the profile of the agreement with the Americans.

"They see it as a small, regional issue," he said. "The most important thing we did was impress upon them how important it was to Canada. It's a national issue that affects hundreds of communities."

Clark said about 40 per cent of B.C.'s rural communities are dependent on forestry. The forest industry provides more than 60,000 direct jobs in the province and last year's value of lumber exports from B.C. to the U.S. was \$4.6 billion.

B.C. is Canada's largest producer of softwood lumber, accounting for about half of national production.

The 2006 Softwood Lumber Agreement to ensure stable lumber trade between the two countries expired on Oct. 12, 2015. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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CARBON TAX

Think-tank challenges revenue neutral claim

British Columbia's Finance Ministry is disputing claims from a Fraser Institute report that says the province's carbon tax is no longer revenue neutral.

The study says the B.C. government no longer cuts other taxes to roughly equal new revenues from the carbon tax.

Without that offset, the study says the province is collecting millions of dollars in additional revenue from taxpayers, which study co-author Charles Lamman says violates the government's

commitment to keep the tax revenue neutral. The study says the tax was revenue neutral up until 2013, when the government stopped providing new cuts to offset the additional revenue it was collecting from the carbon tax.

A statement from the Finance Ministry says tax cuts exceeded revenue from the carbon tax by an estimated \$500 million last year. The ministry says small and targeted tax measures that have been implemented since 2012 — the last time the carbon tax

increased — have helped keep it revenue neutral.

The government says it has returned more than \$1.6 billion in tax cuts to employers, individuals and families since the carbon tax was established in 2008.

"We look at the entire tax system every year as part of the budget process, and it's reasonable that deciding to continue providing a tax cut is as legitimate a tax measure to include as an entirely new tax reduction," the ministry says.

It says some tax credits have expiry dates and when the ministry decides to continue them, there is a cost to government.

The Fraser Institute says once pre-existing tax reductions are excluded, B.C. taxpayers paid \$226 million in increased taxes in 2013-14 and \$151 million in increased taxes in 2014-15.

The study released Thursday says the B.C. tax is often praised as a model to follow because of claims it is revenue neutral.

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Trudeau tries to calm waters across the pond

POLITICS

PM talks Trump, looks for common ground

Fresh from his meeting in Washington, Justin Trudeau sought to bring Europe a message of reassurance Thursday about the anxiety it faces over Donald Trump's antipathy towards the continent.

Trudeau's recent visit to the White House, kicking off a whirlwind week of international travel, was closely watched in the European Union, which endured another round of bashing this week from Trump's pick for ambassador to Brussels.

Trudeau's host, Antonio Tajani, the president of the European Parliament, said Europe views Canada as an important bridge builder in its attempt to forge positive relations with the United States.



PM Justin Trudeau arrives to deliver a speech at the European Parliament on Thursday. GETTY IMAGES

"It's easier for the Canadians to speak to the Americans," Tajani said, seated next to Trudeau at their joint press conference in Strasbourg, France, the seat of the bloc's 28-country parliament.

The Trump-Trudeau meeting on Monday "paved the way for better relations between European Union and the United States of America," Tajani said.

Trudeau elaborated on his

meeting with Trump, saying the two are seeking common ground to help the middle classes of their two countries prosper.

"What I saw from the American president was a focus on getting things done for the people who supported him and who believe in him, while demonstrating that good relations with one's neighbours is a great way of getting things done," said Trudeau.

Trudeau said the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement with Europe would likely be ratified by Canada by the spring and that's when working people would begin to see the benefits of trade deals.

"If we are successful, CETA will become the blueprint for all ambitious, future trade deals. If we are not, this could well be one of the last."

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PARLIAMENT

Sohi gets the last laugh: 'I'm very proud'



Alex Boyd
Metro | Edmonton

Minister of Infrastructure Amarjeet Sohi says he is nothing but proud of his background, a day after a reference to his past as an Edmonton bus driver drew laughter in the House of Commons.

"I'm very proud that — that I was a bus driver serving my community and transporting moms to, you know, when they take their children to daycare or taking students to school," Sohi told reporters in Ottawa Thursday.

"We all come from different backgrounds, and my background is what I'm proud of."

Sohi, who also served two terms on Edmonton's city council, brought up his experience as a transit operator while discussing the death of Irvine Fraser, the driver recently killed in Winnipeg.

In a video taken in the House laughter could be heard coming from the opposition.

"Obviously, I did notice the laughter, but I was there to convey a very, very important message, and that message was to show our support and thoughts and prayers with the person who was stabbed while serving his community," Sohi said.

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Answers sought in artist Beaver's death

TRAGEDY

Sister dies in crash travelling to arrange funeral

Indigenous leaders say indigenous artist Moses Beaver has died under what they are calling unexplained circumstances.

Beaver, a renowned Woodlands artist, is believed to have died in a jail in Thunder Bay, Ont., Nishnawbe Aski Nation Grand Chief Alvin Fiddler and Nibinamik First Nation Chief Johnny Yellowhead said Thursday in a statement.

Ontario's Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services said a male inmate was found unresponsive in his cell at the Thunder Bay jail on Monday night. Paramedics were called and the inmate was pronounced dead at a hospital, spokesman Andrew Morrison said in an



Moses Beaver with a mural he helped students paint. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

email.

Beaver's sister, Mary Wabasse, died Wednesday in a collision in Thunder Bay as she was travelling to comfort family members and make funeral arrangements for her brother, Fiddler and Yellowhead added.

"Our community had barely begun to mourn his loss when the news came that his sister Mary was killed in an accident," Yellowhead said.

The Lake Superior Art Gallery in Thunder Bay says on its website that Beaver was a

self-taught artist who worked with acrylic on canvas, Indian ink on paper and watercolour.

The gallery also said he had worked with youth within the educational system and in community projects.

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TRIAL

Jury finds Garland guilty of murders



Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

Douglas Garland has been found guilty on all three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of five-year-old Nathan O'Brien and his grandparents Kathy and Alvin Liknes.

Garland, 57, who was on trial over the last five weeks, was found guilty by a jury of 12 Calgarians Thursday. The jury deliberated their decision for just over eight hours.

Family members of the victims wept as the verdicts were read out in court.

Ten of the jurors suggested the three 25-year sentences be served consecutively, for a total of 75 years. Two had no opinion on the matter.

The judge will make the final call on the sentencing.

In the summer of 2014 an Amber Alert gripped the city as citizens held their collective breath — hoping for the

safe return of Nathan and his grandparents. Nathan's mother, Jennifer O'Brien, discovered the bloody crime scene and her parents and son missing the morning of June 30, 2014 — prompting police to open an exhaustive investigation that would span days, months and years.

The Crown told jurors in their opening statement of how Garland held a "petty grudge" against Alvin Liknes over a patent on an oil and gas pump he'd worked on before being fired in 2007.

The culmination of the all-encompassing investigation led by the Calgary Police Service — that brought in resources including the RCMP and CBSA — was revealed to Calgarians through testimony from 48 witnesses and the submission of 89 exhibits.

Exhibits included crime scene photos from both the bloodied Liknes home, and the cramped rooms and buildings at the Garland farm.

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Feds ask for stay in legal proceedings, plan changes

The Trump administration said in court documents on Thursday it wants a pause in the legal fight over its ban on travellers from seven predominantly Muslim nations, so it can issue a replacement ban as it strives to protect the nation from terrorism.

Details of the new proposal were not provided in the filing or at a wide-ranging news conference by Trump. But lawyers for the administration said in the filing that a ban that focuses solely on foreigners who have never entered the U.S. — instead of green card holders already in the U.S. or who have travelled abroad and want to return — would pose no legal difficulties.

"In so doing, the president will clear the way for immediately protecting the country rather than pursuing further, potentially time-consuming



U.S. President Donald Trump calls on a reporter during a news conference where he said a new travel order would come next week. GETTY IMAGES

litigation," the filing said.

Trump said at the news conference that a new order would come next week.

"I will not back down from defending our country. I got elected on defence of our country," he said.

The administration asked the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of



I will not back down from defending our country.

President Donald Trump

Appeals to hold off on making any more decisions related to the lawsuit filed by the states of Washington and Minnesota until the new order is issued and then toss out the decision keeping the ban on hold.

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson said

the federal government was "conceding defeat" by saying it does not want a larger appellate panel to review the decision made last week by a three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit. The judges rejected the Trump administration's claim of presidential authority and questioned its motives in ordering the ban.

The administration attacked the decision in Thursday's court filing, saying the panel wrongly suggested some foreigners were entitled to constitutional protections and that courts could consider Trump's campaign statements about a ban.

The lawsuit says the ban unconstitutionally blocked entry to the U.S. on the basis of religion and harmed residents, universities and sales tax revenue in the two states. Eighteen other states, including California and New York, supported the challenge.

The appeals court had asked the Trump administration and Washington and Minnesota to file arguments by Thursday on whether a larger panel of 9th Circuit judges should rehear the case. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The leaks are real. But the news about them is fake. The White House is a fine-tuned machine. Russia is a ruse.

Donald Trump's first solo news conference as president has no rivals in recent memory. For all the trappings of the White House and traditions of the forum, his performance was one of a swaggering, blustery campaigner, armed with grievances and primed to unload on his favourite targets.

In nearly an hour and a half at the podium, Trump bullied reporters, dismissed facts and then cracked a few caustic jokes — a combination that once made the candidate irresistible cable TV fodder. He went even further, blaming the media for all but sinking his not-yet-launched attempt to "make a deal" with Moscow.

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Edelman's trust barometer, published this week, shows in polling what anyone paying attention has already seen: Canada is going the way of the U.K., the U.S., and France in tilting dangerously towards a populist moment. Like our Western neighbours, "trust in business, media, and the government is in trouble."

Everyone living in such period of dramatic change, es-

pecially technological, could be forgiven for being fearful. But anyone willing to use their fear to prop up a xenophobic nationalism is, well, less forgivable.

One way to tell if you're among the latter is via a simple test: Muslims. As in: Are you afraid of them? As in: Did the Quebec mosque shooting fill you with dread, until you learned it was committed by a young white man with white supremacist, populist ideas?

In the U.S., people don't worry so much about how toddlers with guns accidentally killing people, or the hundreds of white supremacist hate groups, or the one in five women who've been raped or seriously assaulted by a partner, according to the Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention.

Those, we understand, are truly dangers, and need not warrant fear. But Muslims? The cultivated terror of them can land you in the White House. Hence Trump's Muslim ban campaign promise.

The sad fact is that we are often wrong. Admitting that is the only route to progress. It's called learning. Now, for many, learning just doesn't compare to digging in. To denouncing institutions so that you can denounce their facts. To diminishing your own sphere of influence until the only person you trust is yourself.

Donald Trump campaigned on the idea that he was his own best advisor. A lot of people found that preposterous. But far too many nodded along.



Protesters participate in a march aimed squarely at President Donald Trump's efforts to crack down on immigration on Thursday in Chicago. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Employers and workers standing together' to support immigrants

ACTIVISM!

The heart of Philadelphia's Italian Market was uncommonly quiet. Fine restaurants in New York, San Francisco and the nation's capital closed for the day. Grocery stores, food trucks, coffee shops, diners and taco joints in places like Chicago, Los Angeles and Boston shut down.

Immigrants around the U.S. stayed home from work and school Thursday to demonstrate

how important they are to America, and many businesses closed in solidarity, in a protest called A Day Without Immigrants.

The boycott was aimed squarely at President Trump's efforts to step up deportations, build a wall at the Mexican border and close the door to many travellers.

Organizers appealed to immigrants from all walks of life to take part, but the effects were felt most strongly in the restaurant industry, which has long been a

first step up the economic ladder for newcomers to America. Restaurant owners with immigrant roots of their own were among those acting in solidarity.

"The really important dynamic to note is this is not antagonistic, employee-against-employer," said Janet Murguia, president of the Hispanic rights group National Council of La Raza. "This is employers and workers standing together, not in conflict."

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Source: Health Canada and Harvard Medical School

FINDINGS Your week in science



Stars, they're just like us
Astronomers spotted an exploding star just hours after its eruption, giving a rare glimpse at its final moments. Until now the explosion itself was considered the first sign of the end, but it looks like they do not go quietly — in this case belching gas as it neared death.

Unbalanced diet French hamsters ate their babies alive when fed a corn-heavy diet, researchers have found. The study was looking for downsides of limited crop availability. Downside, check.

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DEFINITION

Neoteny describes a stunted adulthood, where grown members of a species still hold youthful traits and behaviours, and in turn the young can perform adult functions, like reproduce.

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Harvard, MIT hang on to lucrative gene-editing patent

In a highly anticipated decision that could sway the fortunes of a handful of biotechnology companies, the U.S. federal patent office has turned back a challenge to patents covering a widely used method for editing genes.

The office's board of appeals ruled Wednesday that the Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard can keep patents it had been awarded for a technique called CRISPR that lets scientists alter DNA within cells.

It turned back a challenge from the University of California, Berkeley. The school had filed its

own CRISPR patent application in 2012 a few months before the Broad institute, but the Broad got its patents approved while Berkeley's application is pending.

The financial implications are huge, since CRISPR may lead to many lucrative products in medicine, agriculture and elsewhere. One company that has licensed Broad's technology, Editas Medicine Inc., saw its shares jump by 29 per cent Wednesday.

In a statement, Berkeley said it respects the ruling, but that it will "carefully consider all options for possible next steps in

this legal process, including the possibility of an appeal."

The patent dispute involved work led by Feng Zhang of the Broad Institute and Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier at Berkeley.

Lawyers for Berkeley maintained that Doudna and Charpentier were the first to invent CRISPR for use in all settings. They said the work at Broad, which showed how to use CRISPR in the relatively complex cells of plants, people and other animals, wasn't enough of an advance beyond the Berkeley

work to warrant its own patents.

The appeals board, however, concluded that the Broad work was not simply an obvious extension of the research described in the Berkeley patent application. So Broad's patent coverage is different from Berkeley's, the board ruled.

Jacob Sherkow, who specializes in patent law for matters of biological sciences at the New York Law School, said he thinks it would be worthwhile for Berkeley to take the matter to a federal appeals court.

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Charlie Day and Ice Cube play two teachers who brawl in a high school parking lot in *Fist Fight*. CONTRIBUTED

Get schooled on teen movies

IN FOCUS

Fist Fight the latest study on culture of the student body

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Fist Fight features so much bad language it completely outpaces *F-word aficionados* Tarantino and Scorsese combined. Accompanying the cussing are bad behaviour, violence and loads of oh-no-he-didn't jokes all set against the backdrop of the end of semester at the rough-'n'-tumble Roosevelt High School.

Trying to hang on until the final bell rings are well-meaning English teacher Andy Campbell (Charlie Day) and Ron Strickland (Ice Cube), the world's toughest history teacher. When Campbell accidentally gets Strickland fired a bad day goes from crappy to cruddy. "I'm going to fight you," the amped-up Strickland says, looking for some street justice. "After school, meet me in the parking lot."

As the #teacherfight spreads across social media, a crowd gathers in the parking lot to witness the carnage. After some hand-to-hand combat Campbell and Strickland come to terms with one another, learning important lessons with each punch.

My grade nine homeroom teacher Mrs. Armstrong wouldn't

recognize Roosevelt High as the kind of school she taught in, but it's familiar territory for Hollywood, which has long used school hallways as a study of teen life. Relationships between students and teachers have fuelled movies like *Blackboard Jungle* and *To Sir with Love*, but just as interesting is the culture of the student body.

John Hughes mined the teenage dynamic for all it was worth

in a series of classic teen operas like *Sixteen Candles*, but it's *The Breakfast Club* that remains his most insightful look at high school life. The story is simple: five high school archetypes — the jock, the mean girl, the brainiac, the rebel and the outsider — thrown together during a nine-hour Saturday detention become unlikely friends, revealing their innermost secrets. "We're all pretty bizarre," says Andrew

(Emilio Estevez). "Some of us are just better at hiding it, that's all."

It's the emotional intensity of *The Breakfast Club* that makes it one of the most insightful high school films ever. Thirty-two years after its release it still feels fresh, but for my money one of the best looks at life in the halls comes from Emma Stone's film *Easy A*.

The movie begins with the voiceover, "The rumours of my promiscuity have been greatly exaggerated." It's Olive (Stone), a clean-cut high school senior who tells a little white lie about losing her virginity. When the gossip mill gets a hold of the info, her life takes a parallel course to the heroine of the book she is studying in English class — *The Scarlet Letter*. At first she embraces her

newfound notoriety; after all she had been all but invisible at the beginning of the school year. It isn't until the lies and gossip start to spin out of control that she has to assert her virginity.

All the best high school movies — *Election*, *Heathers*, *Dazed and Confused* and *Mean Girls* — share that sentiment. The names, schools and places may change but it is the labours of students and teachers, like *Fist Fight*'s Andy Campbell and Ron Strickland, to find themselves and figure out what it all means that makes them interesting and relatable. As we learned studying Aristotle in philosophy class, "Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom," and, in Hollywood's case, entertainment too.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

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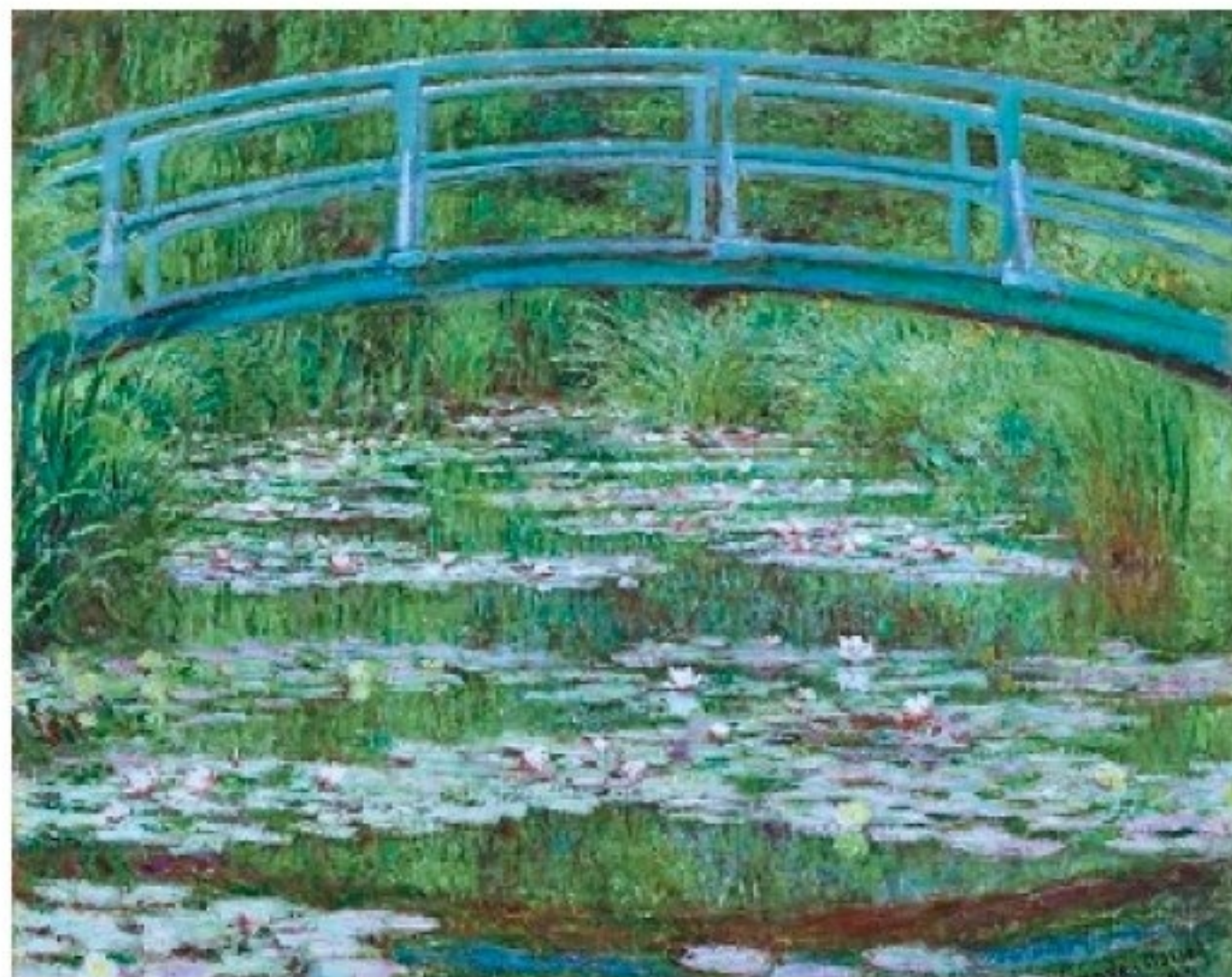
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Phil Grabsky's *I, Claude Monet* brings the French master's most iconic works to movie theatres, including *Impression at Sunrise* (left) and *The Japanese Footbridge*. CONTRIBUTED

Helping Monet make a new impression

CINEPLEX SERIES

How the movie theatre is being turned into a fine art gallery

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada



For many people, going to the cinema to admire old paintings probably sounds pretty boring. But veteran filmmaker Phil Grabsky sees it another way.

"The music of Mozart or the paintings of Monet are extra-

ordinary and something we can indulge ourselves in and be motivated by," insisted the award-winning director recently from London. "And at the cinema, where you're not distracted by your phone for 90 minutes, you'll be moved by it."

Sparked by this theory, Grabsky has teamed up with international galleries to bring art lovers unprecedented access to the world's greatest artwork on the big-screen. His latest film — *I, Claude Monet* — uses 2,500 narrated letters to accentuate the stunning work of one of French Impressionism's founding fathers.

"Obviously I've got lovely

visuals to work with," said Grabsky. "It's a film to see in the cinema because many of us know some of the works of Claude Monet but to look at them again fresh, you do get a sense of just why he was an extraordinary painter."

Premiering on Feb. 22 as part of Cineplex's *In The Gallery* event series — *I, Claude Monet* may shed insight on the French painter but it's also about introducing art to the mainstream.

"We're trying to find another audience that doesn't want to see *Thor*," said Cineplex Events VP Brad LaDouceur, whose aim was to boost attendance on

quieter evenings through those "who want to see artists."

"You go to the movies and it's a great way to escape the everyday world, but what's great about the programming that Cineplex events does is how we can add to your knowledge of a genre, of an artist or a ballet company."

Going to today's theatre to view 19th century compositions is also a relatively modern affair. Not only are crowds booming for the gallery series but the experience may actually aid the enjoyment of the art itself.

"I went to see the *Mona Lisa* (and) I felt like I was being

ARTISTIC APPRECIATION

On making Claude Monet more mainstream:

"I'm really trying to give you a pleasurable, educational entertaining experience," said Phil Grabsky. "These films aren't supposed to be hard work. You're supposed to come out thinking it's amazing what we as human beings can do with paint."

"*Impression at Sunrise* is one of those paintings that many of us had on our walls or seen on endless postcards. But when you see the actual spots and then get a sense of what he did, it just heightens your appreciation for him." STEVE GOW/FOR METRO



pushed out," recalled LaDouceur of a crowded visit to The Louvre in Paris. "But when you see your first gallery presenta-

tion, you don't have the crowds (and) you're going to get a high-definition shot of some of the most brilliant pieces."

FANTASY ACTION

China's master director finds himself held back by Great Wall

Linda Barnard
Torstar News Service

Monstrous Chinese blockbuster *The Great Wall* shows its devotion to American cinema from the get-go, opening with a desert horseback pursuit straight out of a classic 1950s Western. And hey, one of those fleeing cowboys is Matt Damon.

But this is 12th-century China and Damon is no cowpoke, he's mercenary soldier and master archer William Garin, whose wavering accent would indicate he has ridden in from Cleveland by way of Denmark.

The largest-budget movie ever shot in China — a market where Hollywood action films pull huge box-office numbers — and with a big American star on the mar-

quee, *The Great Wall* marks the first English-language production from master filmmaker Zhang Yimou (*Raise the Red Lantern*, *Hero*, *House of Flying Daggers*).

Unfortunately, the gorgeous subtlety of Zhang's mesmerizing style is carried off with the first wave of man-eating, green-blooded monsters. This is a movie that owes much to gaming style, with furious action, in-your-face flying weapons and an uncomplicated story.

Earlier concerns about whitewashing, which erupted when Damon's casting in a Chinese historical epic was announced, are put to rest. His character is written as "European" and often bested by the Chinese, who are more advanced about weaponry, tactics and ethics. Still, Damon's job description is solidly Hollywood hero.



Jing Tian and Matt Damon in *The Great Wall*. CONTRIBUTED

Along with sidekick Tovar (Pedro Pascal of *Game of Thrones*), Garin has been fighting for whomever pays the way and is now in China, hoping to get his hands on the near-mythic exploding "black powder" the Chinese have invented.

They're captured by warriors of the massive Nameless Order battalion, who protect the Fort-

ress City within the new-looking Great Wall. They have a keen interest in a paw Garin claims he took doing battle with a strange creature. It belongs to one of a horde of telepathic hyena-lizard monsters, called Tao Tei, that rise up every 60 years for a bloody rampage to devour humans as punishment for our greed.

Most interesting among the

Nameless Order is commander Lin Mae (Jing Tian of the upcoming *Kong: Skull Island*), who heads the all-women Crane Corps of bungee-jumping fighters who deliver deadly strikes with Cirque du Soleil-style acrobatics — and look great doing it.

Lin speaks English, having learned from Ballard (Willem Dafoe), another black-powder fan who's been a captive of the Nameless Order for 25 years.

She's also prepared to school Garin about finding a higher purpose for fighting and the value of trust — not the only things the Chinese have to teach the backwards newcomers.

Only Garin, who's been in China long enough to be able to eat with chopsticks but doesn't know a word of the language, makes any progress in that regard. Tovar is there for laughs

and Ballard is only missing a moustache to twirl as the bad guy.

The Chinese cast speaks mostly Mandarin (with English subtitles) and Lin often acts as translator for Garin. Is her character passionless or is Jing wooden? Are they supposed to have feelings for each other beyond an admiration of fighting styles? When will the monsters start rampaging again?

There are some entertaining visuals from Zhang, especially rising hot-air balloons echoing mourning lanterns released in an earlier scene. And the portable wristband lighters for gun-powder fuses are fun.

More of that spirit of innovation would have taken *The Great Wall* beyond a middling monster flick with a bloated budget and a Hollywood star at the fore.



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Paquin's dark and twisty CBC role

INTERVIEW

Actress plays a fearless detective in Bellevue

Melita Kuburas
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Anna Paquin likes playing women who are allowed to make mistakes. Her latest character makes a lot of them.

In CBC's upcoming serialized thriller *Bellevue* (debuting Monday, Feb. 20 at 9 p.m.) Paquin portrays Annie Ryder, a woman who approaches her job as a detective without much care for her personal safety. To get closer to a source, she gets drunk and high with him in a hotel room; she has a creepy stalker, yet she follows his clues alone to a dark shed in the woods.

"She's brave in a way that comes from being quite reckless with her own well-being and not ultimately necessarily being that attached to her own

life in some ways," Paquin tells Metro in a recent interview in Toronto.

The show follows the 28-year-old single mom in this small, Canadian mining town as she tries to locate a missing teenager — a transgender star hockey player. But the case appears to be related to a murder that occurred in Bellevue (a fictional town, but the show was shot in Quebec) 20 years earlier, and is linked to the suicide of Annie Ryder's father.

"I think that the trauma of having been a kid whose parent committed suicide — and obviously that's not a situation I know anything about personally — but certainly that seems to track as far as Annie having been a bit careless in the way that she lives her life. She doesn't always act like the stereotypical perfect cop or parent," Paquin says.

In other words, she's a decent human making some bad choices, which, for those who have followed Paquin's career, might sound familiar.

The Oscar winner spent six years on HBO's *True Blood* playing a sunny Louisiana waitress who falls into one dangerous



Anna Paquin and Shawn Doyle play detectives looking for a missing teen hockey player in CBC's *Bellevue*, debuting Monday, Feb. 20 at 9 p.m. HANDOUT

situation after another, thanks to her romantic relationships with vampires. Trade in the Keds and mini skirts for black boots and a cargo jacket, and you get Annie Ryder, a kind of Canadian Sookie Stackhouse. It's exactly the type of flawed female protagonist Paquin is drawn to.

"If female characters make questionable choices in some aspects of their lives or their parenting, there's an amazing tendency or need to then punish that character. And it doesn't really happen in male plotlines," Paquin says.

Bellevue deals with some dark aspects of humanity —

betrayal, substance abuse, murder — but it doesn't do so in a didactic, "message-y" kind of way, says Paquin.

"I think that entertainment has a tendency to put women into very defined boxes. I personally found that really boring to watch, and even more boring to do."

WAY OF LIFE

Small-town struggle familiar to actor

Shawn Doyle, who plays the police chief in CBC's *Bellevue*, understands the small-town struggle too well. The actor (*House of Cards*, *Big Love*) grew up in Wabush, Labrador, an iron ore mining town that was constantly under threat of the industry going bust, as it does in the show.

"My parents sold their house back to the company for \$5,000 when we left," says Doyle, who now has a house in Toronto.

Wabush became a boomtown again, however the mines closed in 2014 devastating the local economy. "Now there are all these people who not only are they upside down on their mortgages and will never get money back for the houses that they bought, but they're homeless. It's a really devastating situation," Doyle says.

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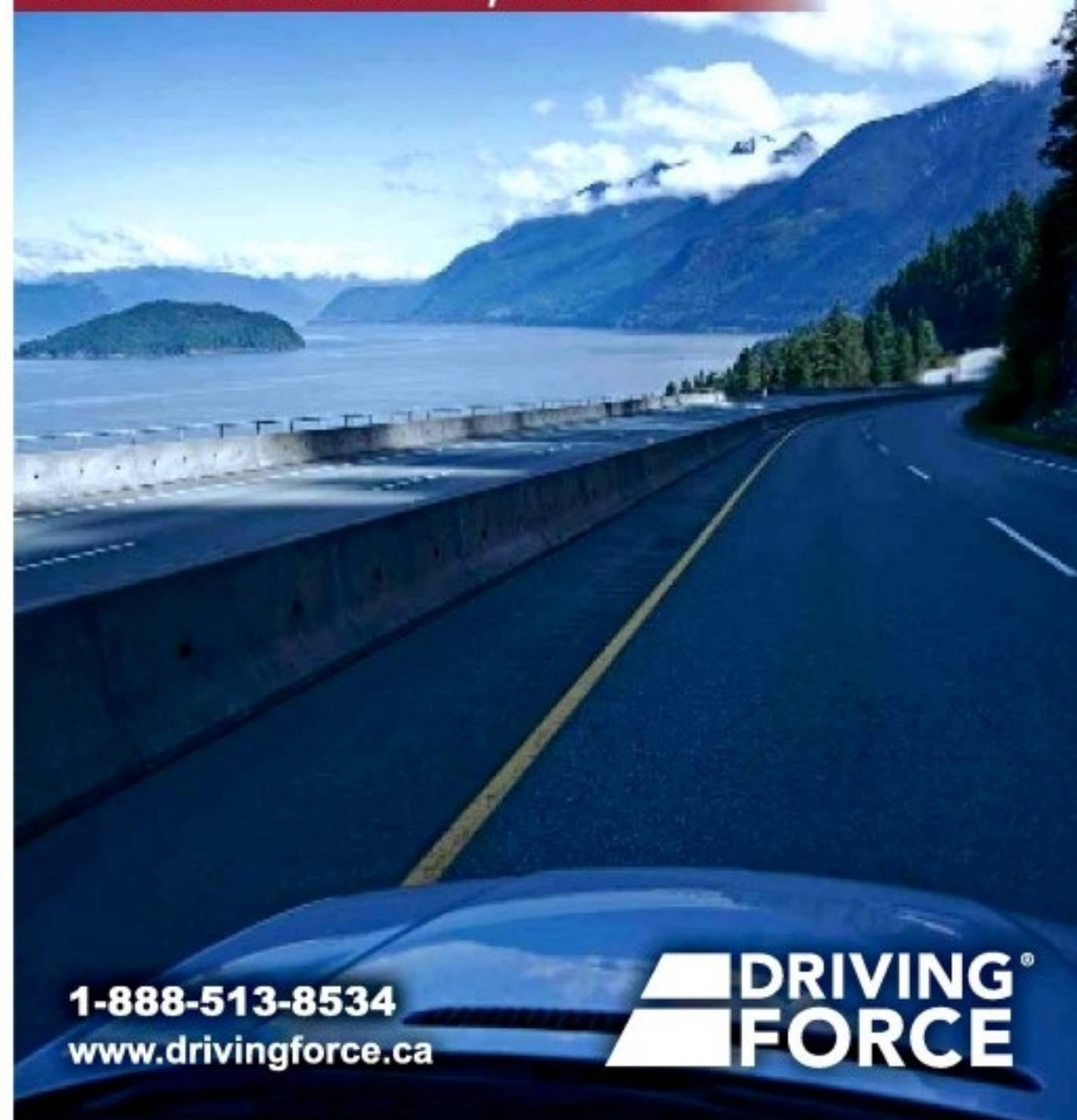
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A little bit more about four movies that are being released this weekend

1 A Man Called Ove

(Starring Rolf Lassgård, Ida Engvoll, Filip Berg and Bahar Pars; Directed by Hannes Holm; 116 minutes; PG)

A Hollywood adaptation of this Swedish heart-tugger is probably inevitable, especially if it wins the Oscar for Best Foreign Language Film later this month at the Academy Awards. It won't be necessary. A Man Called Ove shamelessly, but also quite movingly, hits all the required notes of the most pandering of feel-good Tinseltown sagas, with its story of a grouchy guy who turns out to have a heart of gold and a past worth sighing over.

Writer/director Hannes Holm, working from a popular novel by Fredrik Backman, eschews the astringent and absurdist comedy of such Scandinavian contemporaries as Roy Andersson and Bent Hamer. He instead makes a comic Kumbaya, embracing a



world view that would make Donald Trump shudder: one where neighbours of varying nationalities, sexual orientations, physical abilities and ages learn to happily get along together, even if they do a fair bit of crabbing beforehand. A movie this Hollywood might just win the Oscar, but all the tears and smiles are earned.

2 Land of Mine (Starring Roland Møller, Louis Hofmann; Directed by Martin Zandvliet; 90 minutes; 14A)

The Second World War is over in Europe and for the Danish people, oppressed and ill-treated during a



long German occupation, it's payback time. Sergeant Rasmussen is given command of a massive mine-clearing operation along the country's idyllic beaches, using young, untrained German soldiers to do the dirty (and deadly) work. The movie, based on actual events, was deservedly nominated for a best foreign film Oscar. Writer/director Martin Zandvliet masterfully creates a suspenseful, sorrowful and memorable tale.

3 A Cure For Wellness (Starring Dane DeHaan, Jason Isaacs; Directed by Gore Verbinski; 146



minutes; 18A)

Is there a cure for a disappointing ending? Because A Cure for Wellness has a bad case of it and that's a shame because the film shows such initial promise. Dane DeHaan plays a young, ambitious corporate exec from a big U.S. firm sent on a mission to a Swiss clinic high in the Alps to retrieve a senior honcho whose presence is urgently required. He finds himself being sucked into a strange and

creepy vortex and intrigued with a free-spirited young woman. Bojan Bazelli's cinematography creates an eerie sense of place, setting the stage for the unravelling of the mystery of what's in the water that makes the clinic denizens so disinclined to get better and go home. But the film is overstuffed and overlong, collapsing under the weight of a silly conclusion.

4 Kedi (Directed by Ceyda Torun; 80 minutes; G)

Colourful and ancient,



Istanbul is also home to thousands of street cats. They roam the city, queens and kings of all they survey, occasionally deigning to cuddle up to the humans who provide them with food, shelter here and there, copious amounts of love and even the occasional antibiotic. Turkish-born director Ceyda Torun, in her first feature-length documentary, and cinematographer Charlie Wuppermann provide a cat's-eye view of the world that showcases both the warm-hearted people of this ancient Turkish city and the seamless integration of its felines into everyday life. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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5 WAYS TO CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS

New Orleans is entering the height of its pre-Lenten Carnival season, culminating on Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday, which falls on Feb. 28 this year. Visitors face an abundance of choices on how to take it all in. Revel in the bawdy French Quarter or catch a parade? March in a parade? Wear a costume? Do it all? **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



1 Watch a parade

There are dozens of New Orleans area parades. The major ones, with marching bands and masked riders who throw beads and trinkets from elaborate floats, begin this year on Feb. 17. Most follow a route along historic St. Charles Avenue onto Canal Street, the broad downtown boulevard at the edge of the French Quarter — although the giant floats of Endymion, the celebrity-studded procession set for Feb. 25, lumber through the Mid-City neighbourhood.

Often overlooked are the smaller processions. For instance, Krewe du Vieux's satirical and raunchy parade with smaller, hand-drawn floats rolls through the French Quarter and neighbouring areas on Feb. 11. A week later, sci-fi, fantasy and horror fans don costumes evoking a variety of pop culture icons from Ewoks to zombies for the Intergalactic Krewe of Chewbacchus and stroll through Marigny.



2 Be in a parade

Getting a spot in a Carnival parade is the ultimate participatory experience. Some of the old-line parade "krewes" are famous for their exclusivity but others are open to anyone who can afford it, although spots are limited and should be reserved in advance. Costs include membership fees, costumes and "throws" (beads, little stuffed toys, etc.).



4 Wear a costume

Feathered masks, funny hats and boas are available at souvenir shops and from vendors along the parade route. Many visitors make their own. In 2011, coveralls splashed with black were among the outfits lampooning BP after the Gulf of Mexico oil spill. Still others go for professionally made store-bought or rented regalia.



3 See the costumes

Mardi Gras is one big costume party. Some outfits are simple: multi-colored wigs, glittery masks, oversized hats. Others are elaborate: shimmering bodysuits with feather headdresses fanning out like peacock tails. Find the most intricate and outrageous on display at the annual Bourbon Street awards at the intersection of Bourbon and St. Ann.



5 Behave yourself

Mardi Gras takes place in a city famous for all-night bars and drinking in the streets but there are limits. More than 170 state troopers will supplement the nearly 1,200-member police force. Last year, 334 arrests were reported in the 10 days leading up to Mardi Gras along the parade route and in the police district that includes the French Quarter.

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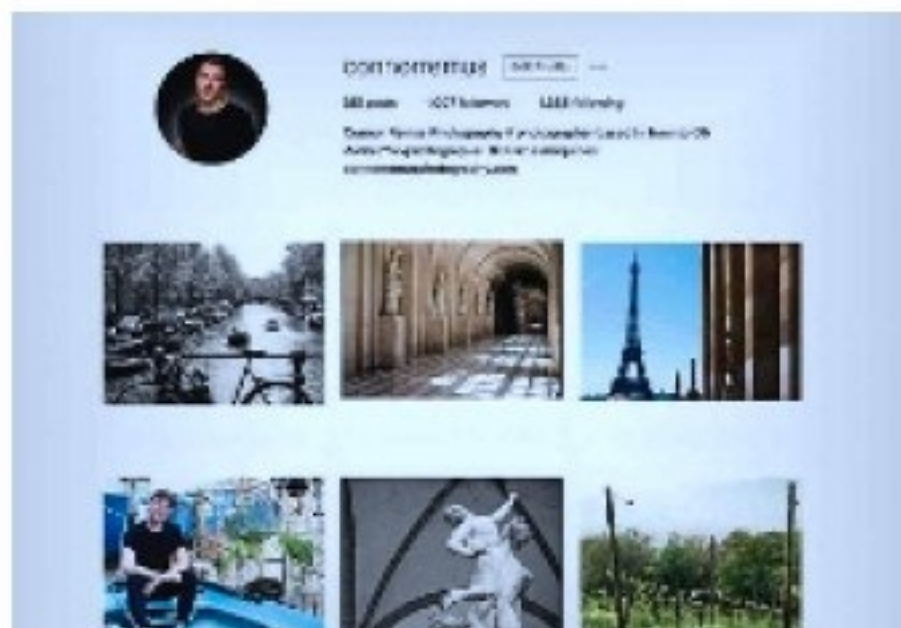
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Find your light

"Most photographers will say lighting is everything," says @connorremus, a Toronto-based photography student. "This is true even when working from a mobile device. A perfect lighting scenario should eliminate any need for post work."

Freelance travel journalist @jennweatherhead concurs, "Sunrise and sunset photos are always my most liked. That golden glow gives the most incredible natural filter on any pictures. I also love the saturation of colour you get at these times."

Tell a story

I met @marcus.mhd on a group trip to Panama a year ago. His shots of a recent trip to Botswana were mesmerizing. His tips are simple but important; look for a story and think about a message you would like to convey. He suggests you fill your frame with one clear focal point. He also says not to use the Instagram app to take your picture but use your camera or phone as they have more features.



Shoot straight on

Paris-based freelancer travel journalist @patriciagajo loves symmetry.

"I like shooting objects by standing directly in front of them," she says. "If I'm looking at a building, I'll stand exactly in the middle of it and shoot it dead on."



Blemishes add interest

@jennweatherhead looks for imperfections; chipped paint, crooked doorways and uneven lines. For her the flaws add character and make a photo more interesting. She always has an eye open for the not-so-perfect scene.



Don't forget to edit

@connorremus likes to use the apps VSCO Cam, Insta-size and Boomerang.

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Shane Battier is returning to the Miami Heat as a member of the front office in the new role of director of basketball development and analytics

Crosby reaches milestone in style

NHL

Sid tops 1,000 points then scores in OT at Jets' expense

It was, in many ways, Sidney Crosby's remarkable career distilled to its essence. Game on the line. A wide-open net. A race to the puck. These are the moments the Pittsburgh Penguins star embraces as well as anyone in his sport.

Of course he beat Winnipeg's Mark Scheifele to the crease. Of course he poked the puck over the goal-line with 21 seconds left in overtime to give the Penguins a 4-3 victory on Thursday night. Of course he provided the exclamation point on the same night he became the 86th player in league history to reach 1,000 career points.

"It's nice to win the game when you have a memorable night like this," Crosby said. "You want to finish it the right way."

Something Crosby has done again and again. The two-time MVP and Stanley Cup winner reached 1,000 points in 757 games. Only 11 players got there faster. None of them are playing anymore. Crosby is. Spectacularly.

Crosby finished with a goal and two assists to give him 1,002 in his career and 64 on the season, which also happens to be tops in the NHL. Same as it ever was for the 29-year-old who re-



Penguins centre Sidney Crosby looks to make a pass against the Jets' Adam Lowry on Thursday. Crosby became the 86th player to reach 1,000 points. GENE J. PUSKAR/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



THURSDAY in Pittsburgh

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said. "I think the sky's the limit for Sid. I think he's that good of a player."

One who got to 1,000 with an assist on Chris Kunitz's first-period goal, began the march to the next thousand when he helped set up Phil Kessel's game-tying goal in the third, and then

capped it by getting to Evgeni Malkin's centring pass a half-step before Scheifele.

Malkin also scored for Pittsburgh, while Marc-Andre Fleury stopped 44 shots for the Penguins, who improved to 6-0-2 since the all-star break.

Patrik Laine scored his 27th for Winnipeg. Paul Postma collected his first and Dustin Byfuglien his eighth for the Jets. Connor Hellebuyck made 35 saves but couldn't get a handle on Crosby's 31st of the season and 369th goal of his career.

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Blues use PP to down Canucks

Vladimir Tarasenko and Alexander Steen scored third-period power-play goals to lift the streaking St. Louis Blues to a 4-3 win over the Vancouver Canucks on Thursday night.

Magnus Paajarvi and Jori Lehtera also scored, and Kevin Shattenkirk had three assists for the Blues, who won their sixth straight game. Jake Allen made 18 saves.

St. Louis improved to 7-1 since Mike Yeo took over as coach, which is the best start for a

THURSDAY in St. Louis

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coach in Blues history.

Bo Horvat, Henrik Sedin and Brandon Sutter scored for the Canucks, who dropped their third game out of their last four. Jacob Markstrom made 17 saves.

Tarasenko gave the Blues a 3-2

lead with a power-play goal 58 seconds into the third period. It was the Blues' first goal with the man-advantage in four games.

Steen's power-play goal five minutes into the period made it 4-2 and stood as the game-winner. It came on the second man-advantage of a double-minor given to Sedin for high-sticking.

The Blues will travel to Buffalo on Saturday, while the Canucks will return home to play Calgary that same day.

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The Canucks' Troy Stecher handles the puck against the Blues' Jori Lehtera on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

FIGURE SKATING

Daleman, Osmond pack a 1-2 punch

Canada's Gabrielle Daleman and Kaetlyn Osmond dominated the women's short program at the ISU Four Continents figure skating championships on Thursday.

Canada's Olympic ice dance champions Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir also lead after the short program.

Daleman opened her program to music from the ballet Herodiade with a triple toe-triple toe combination en route to a top score of 68.25 points. Her only miscue was a slight bobble on the landing of her triple Lutz.

"It was a fight tonight, but I'm happy with what I was able to accomplish and with the overall package," said 19-year-old Daleman from Newmarket, Ont.

The Four Continents is a test event for the 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics.



Gabrielle Daleman, left, and Kaetlyn Osmond GETTY IMAGES

Osmond, a 21-year-old from Marystown, N.L., fell on the landing of her double Axel and was second with 68.21 points. Elizabet Tursynbaeva of Kazakhstan was third with 66.87.

Virtue, from London, Ont., and Moir, from Ilderton, Ont., scored 79.75 points for their program to music by Prince.

The duo is undefeated since returning to competition after a two-year hiatus. THE CANADIAN PRESS

SOCIAL MEDIA

Bouchard 'for sure' going on second date

It might be love at first bet for Eugenie Bouchard.

The Canadian tennis star and University of Missouri marketing student John Goehrke, who won a date with Bouchard thanks to a Twitter wager on Super Bowl 51's winner, had such a good time during a rendezvous at the Brooklyn Nets game on Wednesday night that another romantic evening could be in the cards.

"For sure," Bouchard said when asked by a TMZ reporter if there would be a second date, as she left the Barclays Center in Brooklyn.



Eugenie Bouchard GETTY IMAGES

The Canadian considered herself lucky that Goehrke was a normal guy, considering Internet horror stories. The Chicago native praised Bouchard for going ahead with the date despite his anonymity.

"The most amazing part is that she agreed to it without knowing who I was," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Lions add pair of defenders
The B.C. Lions signed Canadian defensive back Matt Bucknor and American defensive lineman DeQuin Evans on Thursday.

Bucknor, a five-year veteran, has played in 67 career regular-season games and recorded 150 tackles and three interceptions.

Evans appeared in five games last season with Montreal, registering four tackles and a sack.

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Slash on linesman nets Vermette 10-game ban

Anaheim Ducks forward Antoine Vermette was suspended for 10 games on Thursday for slashing a linesman in apparent anger after a faceoff.

Vermette slapped his stick against the back of linesman Shandor Alphonso's legs after losing a faceoff to Minnesota captain Mikko Koivu during the third period of the Ducks' 1-0 win Tuesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reuniting Russ and KD

NBA ALL-STAR GAME

Seemingly bad blood between ex-teammates still lingers

The next time Russell Westbrook walks into a locker-room to get dressed for a game, Kevin Durant will be there and donning the same uniform.

Get ready for perhaps the best subplot of All-Star Weekend.

Russ and KD, together again.

The former Oklahoma City teammates are going to be Western Conference teammates on Sunday night when the league holds its annual All-Star Game in New Orleans. And after the Thunder went into the break by beating the New York Knicks on Wednesday night, the inevitable question was posed to Westbrook: Are you ready for this?

"I'm excited about All-Star Weekend," said Westbrook, the two-time reigning All-Star MVP. "I think in general, just being able to be there and enjoy the



Kevin Durant and the Warriors have beaten Russell Westbrook and the Thunder in each of their three meetings this season. EZRA SHAW/GETTY IMAGES

opportunity ... humbled by the opportunity to be there."

So the question was side-stepped.

It'll get asked to both Westbrook and Durant again — likely many, many times — over the coming days.

They've been on the same court together three times this season, Durant and his new

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Four Warriors have been named all-stars: Durant, Stephen Curry, Klay Thompson and Draymond Green. Steve Kerr will coach the West.

Golden State Warriors teammates beating Westbrook and the Thunder all three times — most recently last weekend in Oklahoma City, when Durant and Westbrook went 1-on-1 at times and even jawed at each other a bit during the game.

This will be different.

Probably awkward, too.

"I don't know," Westbrook

said. "We're going to find out."

It was the breakup that shook the NBA last summer: Durant left Oklahoma City as a free agent and chose to sign with Golden State, a team that won the NBA title in 2015, went to The Finals again last season and has the league's best record this season. The Warriors already were a super team, and then they landed another superstar.

Durant insists he tries to ignore anyone who criticized his decision.

"I define my career, at the end of the day," Durant said. "And it's pretty damn good so far."

Durant and Westbrook had great seasons with the Thunder, even getting to the 2012 NBA Finals where they lost to Miami in five games, but never were able to hoist a championship banner together.

So Durant moved on, and their relationship — whatever it was — essentially ended.

"He plays for his team. I play for my team," Westbrook said. "Let him do his thing. I do my thing. And that's it, plain and simple." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MLB

Jays' Latos ready for challenge

Mat Latos knows earning a spot on the Toronto Blue Jays roster won't be easy. But he's embracing the challenge this spring.

Toronto signed the 29-year-old right-hander to a minor-league deal Thursday with an invitation to major-league camp. He didn't waste any time getting there, showing up later in the day to begin his workouts.

Latos, an eight-year veteran with 186 career starts under his belt, has struggled over the last two seasons while dealing with a knee injury. He played for five different major league teams over that span. He had surgery on his left knee to remove his medial meniscus in 2014 and had trouble keeping the swelling down the following two seasons.

Latos, who went 14-7 with a 3.16 earned-run average with Cincinnati in 2013, started 11 games with the Chicago White Sox last year before being released. He spent the rest of the year with the Washington Nationals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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For Metro Canada

This soup has a subtle sweetness that is the perfect pairing with a grilled cheese.

Ready in 1 hour 10 minutes

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 50 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 2 lb. butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 2 inch chunks
- 3 shallots, quartered
- 3 heirloom carrots, cut lengthwise and then in half
- 2 cloves garlic
- 2 Tbsp olive oil
- 1/2 tsp salt, divided
- 3 cup vegetable broth
- 1 cup milk
- 1/2 cup apple cider or water
- 3/4 cup pear purée

- our cream or Greek style yogurt for garnish

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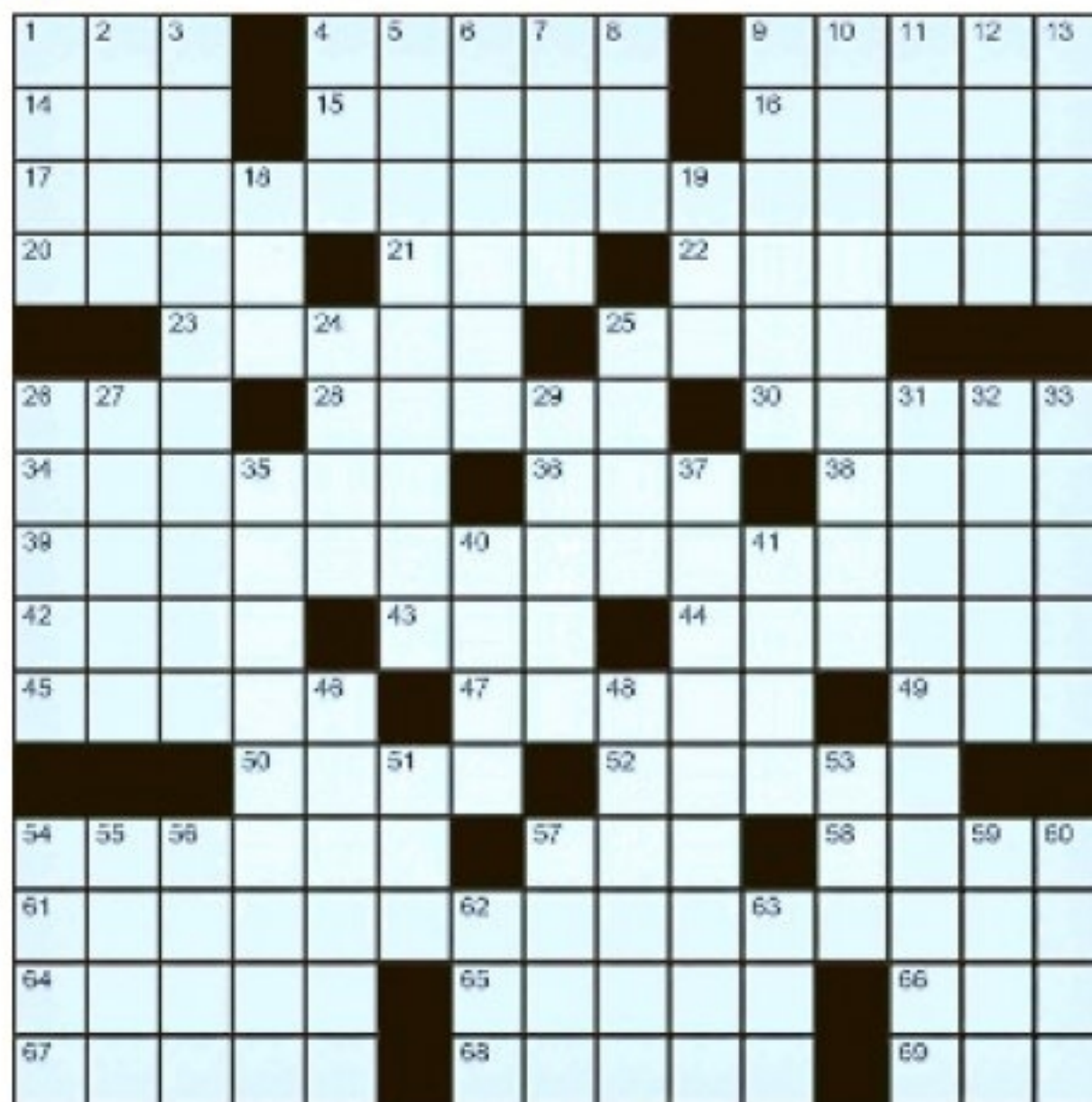
1. Preheat oven to 400.
2. Place squash, shallots, carrots and garlic in a large bowl and toss with olive oil and 1/4 teaspoon salt.
3. Spread vegetables in a single layer on a large, rimmed baking sheet and roast 50 to 55 minutes, or until fork tender. Let cool.
4. Place vegetables and 2 cups of vegetable broth into a blender and purée until smooth. Pour into a large saucepan over medium-low heat and stir in remaining broth, milk, water or apple cider, pear purée and remaining salt. Cook about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
5. Serve with Greek style yogurt or sour cream.

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4. Fossil resin
9. Dairy products brand, ___ Lakes
14. Ski-___
15. Debonair
16. Tree variety
17. OWN series: 2 wds.
20. Quasi
21. Chicago's li'l state
22. Fashion designer Bob who created costumes for "The Carol Burnett Show"
23. Mr. Baldwin's
25. Ballroom dance, ___ Doble
26. Li'l Florida city
28. Fashion sense
30. Get energized: 2 wds.
34. Sharpen up on sharpening skills
36. "___ Haw"
38. Celtic language
39. Modernist painters based in Montreal in the Jazz Age: 3 wds.
42. Jazz vocalist Ms. Anderson
43. "___" for Manitoba
44. Daunt
45. Fork-tailed sea birds
47. Less dangerous
49. Chicago trains
50. Gangster groupings
52. Castaway's new home
54. Like bits of salt
57. Paul McCartney & Wings song
58. Mr. DeLuca-Ta-



- masi, Design Expert on "Cityline"
61. 1979 Neil Young & Crazy Horse album: 3 wds.
 64. Merge
 65. Sort of tie
 66. Stage actress Ms. Hagen
 67. Rolling Stones:

"___ of Burden"

68. Submachine guns of WWII
69. Initials-sharers of the star of "Carrie" (1976)

DOWN

1. Hubbubs
2. Slangy negative

3. Shampoo category: 2 wds.
4. Fireplace's swept up residue
5. Adagio or Glissando or Pizzicato: 2 wds.
6. Gutsy
7. Malefic
8. TKO caller
9. 'The house', in

- Spain: 2 wds.
10. Everybody taking part in the event
11. Fargo, ___
12. Lucille's love
13. "The '___' knows above a bit..." - Rudyard Kipling
18. Gaspé 'garlic'
19. Overseas MTV hon-

- our [acronym]
24. Medieval labourer
25. Orange's covering
26. William ___ (British remixer/music producer)
27. "Superman" (1978) star Christopher
29. Tibet's capital
31. Greek Myth: Titan who gave mankind fire after stealing it from Mount Olympus
32. Regular
33. English diarist, Samuel ___ (b.1633 - d.1703)
35. Holding hot roasters helpers: 2 wds.
37. Greg on "The Brady Bunch": 2 wds.
40. Angry cat's warning
41. "___ Interrupted" (1999)
46. 14-line poem
48. Cutthroat
51. "Cheerio."
53. 'Legal' suffix
54. Chuck wag-on food
55. Old Scandinavian symbol
56. Laos' location
57. "Why surely you ___"
59. High-rise dwellings, for short
60. "That ___ it should be."
62. "___" in Vernon
63. Fire dept. ranks

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Take care of banking details and red tape issues like inheritances, taxes, debt and insurance matters today. It will feel good to get some of these things out of the way.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Today the Moon is in a sign that is opposite from Taurus, which means you have to cooperate with others. This simply requires some tolerance and patience. No biggie.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Because you want to get better organized today, set aside 20 minutes to tidy up your workspace or where you live. Even a little effort will make you happy with the results.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Set aside some time today to play and have fun. Enjoy sports events, playful times with children or perhaps a fun flirtation. You need a break today!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Home, family and real estate will be your focus today. Perhaps a conversation with a female family member (especially a parent) will be important.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have a strong need to talk to others today. You don't want to have superficial chitchat. You want to know what's happening, and you want to share your own experiences as well.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Money, cash flow or something to do with a possession that you own will be your focus today. When it comes to money and finances, information is power.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Today the Moon is in your sign, which will make you more emotional than usual. This is why you might overreact when talking to others. Keep this in mind.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today you will prefer to be low-key and work behind the scenes or alone. Some days we like publicity; some days we don't.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
A conversation with a female acquaintance will be important today. Perhaps you'll want to share your hopes and dreams for the future with someone.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Personal details about your private life will become public today. This is because you are having a moment that is high-viz, especially in the eyes of bosses and VIPs.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Do something different today. Shake up your routine to satisfy your urge for a little adventure. You also want to learn something new

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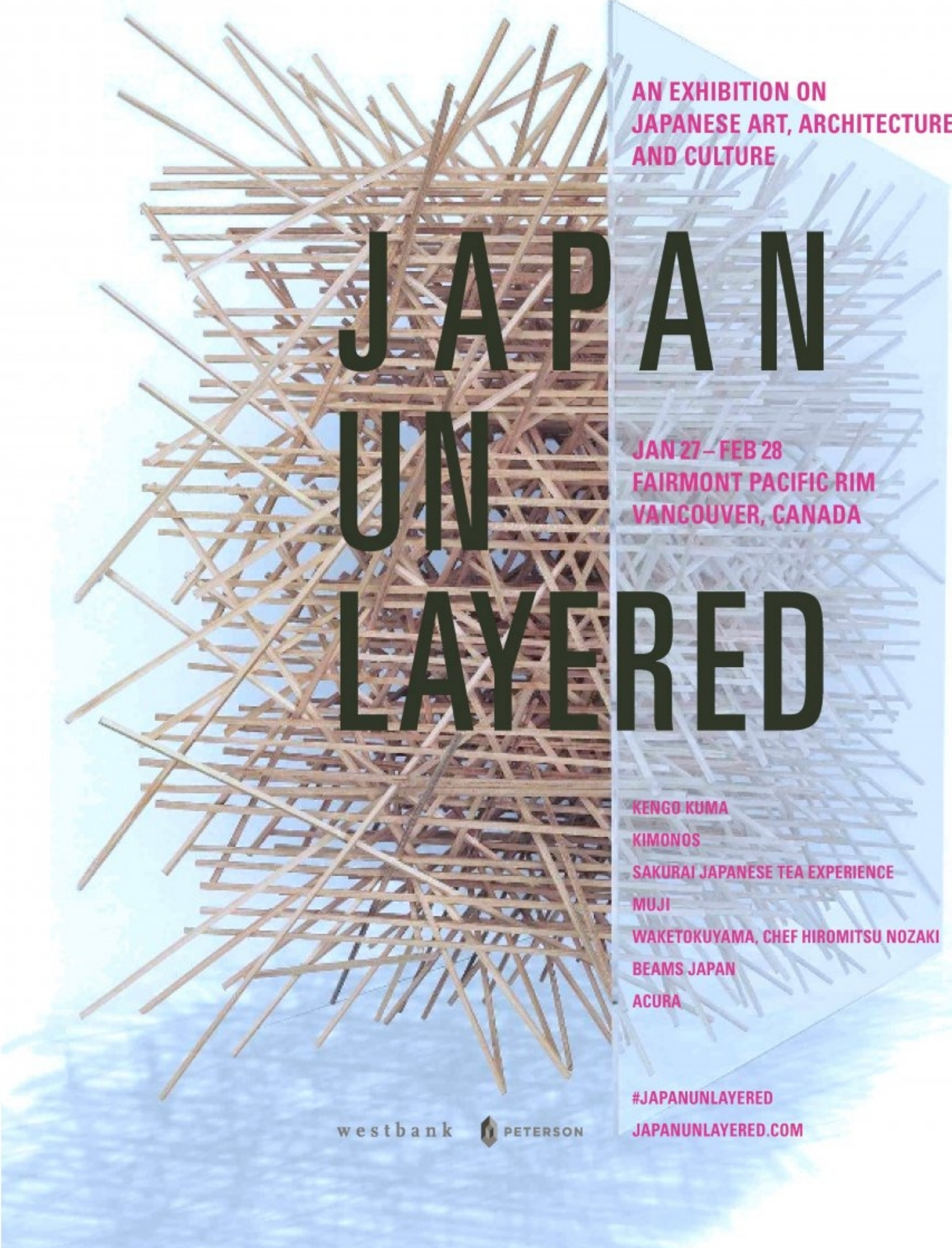
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